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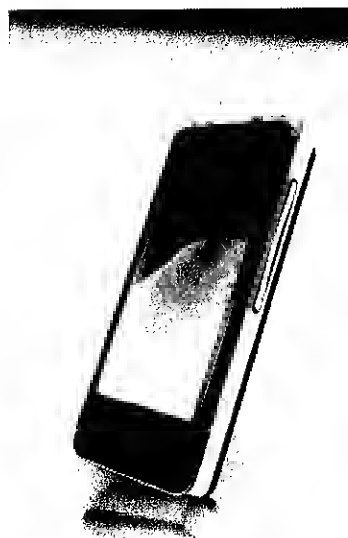
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Restore Our Future  
PRESS RELEASES from Black Rock Group

## RESTORE OUR FUTURE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact: Brittany Gross**

**July 5, 2011**

### **Restore Our Future Announces Second Quarter Fundraising Figures**

#### **Romney supporters report \$12 million cash on hand**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - Restore Our Future today reported it raised \$12 million in the first six months of the year and ended the reporting period with \$12 million cash on hand.

"There is tremendous support across the country for Mitt Romney," said Charlie Spies, treasurer for Restore Our Future. "President Obama has taken our nation down the wrong road with out-of-control government spending that has produced no real results. Voters are fed up. Americans are coming out in support of Gov. Romney because they are confident he has the experience to turn our economy around."

Restore Our Future is a FEC registered "Super PAC" and will file its report, as required, by July 31, 2011. All donors and expenditures through June 30 will be disclosed at that time.

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## RESTORE OUR FUTURE

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**June 23, 2011**

### **Romney Supporters Announce Super PAC**

#### **Restore Our Future to support Romney in his effort to become America's next president**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - Supporters of Governor Mitt Romney today announced the formation of Restore Our Future - a Super PAC which will independently advocate on behalf of Romney and his mission of economic recovery and job creation throughout the 2012 election. Restore Our Future's board is comprised of Carl Forti of the Black Rock Group, Charlie Spies of Clark Hill, PLC, and Larry McCarthy of McCarthy Hennings Media, Inc.

"Our nation is burdened by a struggling economy; our job creators who are tied up with red tape, and a growing federal government is stifling the private sector," said Charlie Spies. "President Obama has failed to fix the problems that affect Americans. Restore Our Future will support a candidate who has worked in the private sector, who has created jobs, who understands the economy, and who believes America can succeed by the power of the American workforce. Restore Our Future will support our next president, Mitt Romney."

Restore Our Future was created by the board members in October 2010. During the 2008 election cycle, Carl Forti served as Romney's National Political Director, Charlie Spies acted as the campaign's CFO and Counsel, and Larry McCarthy was a member of Romney's media team.

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## About

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### Bios

### Black Rock - The Name

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### Carl Forti

Carl Forti has over fifteen years experience in media relations, campaign strategy, strategic communications and public affairs. He has served in leadership positions on Capitol Hill and a presidential campaign.

Before founding the Black Rock Group, Forti was Executive Vice President for Issue Advocacy at Freedom's Watch, an organization that was a strong voice for conservatives and impacted the public policy debate at local and national levels.

Prior to Freedom's Watch, Forti served as Deputy Campaign Manager - Political Director for Romney for President, where he built and managed the national political operation which produced 11 primary or caucus victories.

Forti also has extensive experience on Capitol Hill. He served in numerous capacities at the National Republican Congressional Committee including Communications Director and Issue Advocacy Director, where he managed an \$80 million dollar independent expenditure campaign.

Originally from Western New York and a graduate of The George Washington University, Forti resides in Alexandria, VA with his wife Sandy and three children.

### Michael Dubke

Michael Dubke is a Founding Partner of the Black Rock Group, a strategic communications and public affairs firm based in Alexandria, Virginia.

Since 1988, Mr. Dubke has been involved in local, state and federal politics, as well as issue and public policy advocacy. His experience has brought him a unique understanding of the relationship between political strategy and public policy development.

In the spring of 2001, Mr. Dubke founded Crossroads Media, LLC and in the 2008 elections, Crossroads Media distinguished itself as one of the major media placement firms on the national scene.

Mr. Dubke also served as President of Americans for Job Security (AJS). Over the past decade, AJS has been active in over 45 states and has spent in excess of \$55 million in direct issue advocacy.

Prior to co-founding AJS, Mr. Dubke held the position of Executive Director of both the Ripon Society and the Ripon Educational Fund. As executive director, Mr. Dubke oversaw the growth of the TransAtlantic Conference and the re-emergence of the Ripon Society as a participant in national politics.

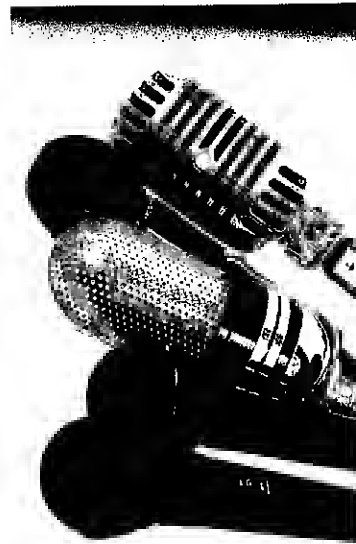
Mr. Dubke is a graduate of Hamilton College, a Buffalo Bills season ticket holder and resides in Alexandria, VA with his wife Shannon and their two children.

### Brian Jones

A Partner with the Black Rock Group, Brian Jones has a proven track record of creating and managing winning public affairs and public relations campaigns for Fortune 100 companies, national associations, and political campaigns both domestic and international.

Before joining the Black Rock Group, Jones worked as a Managing Director for Mercury Public Affairs overseeing their Strategic Communications practice.

Prior to Mercury, Jones served as the Communications Director for Senator John McCain's Presidential campaign and the Communications



Director at the Republican National Committee. While overseeing a staff of 30 at the RNC, the *National Journal* wrote that Jones is "one of the best managers in the GOP communications business."

In 2004, Jones was a part of President Bush's historic re-election effort, where he worked as a Senior Communications Advisor, helping to run the campaign's rapid response and regional media operation, while also serving as a spokesperson. Before coming on board the Bush-Cheney campaign, Jones worked for Mercury Public Affairs in New York City as the firm's Vice President for Polling and Advertising.

During the 2002 political cycle Jones was the Research Director at the National Republican Congressional Committee, leading a team that "ran circles around the DCCC's research staff", according to the *National Journal's Hotline*.

A veteran of campaigns at the local, state and national level, including John McCain's 2000 bid for the presidency, Jones was once described by former RNC Chairman Ken Mehlman as having, "fantastic judgment, the respect of the press, good management skills, creativity and a commitment to excellence."

Jones earned his MA from the University of Washington in Seattle and BA from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He lives in Alexandria, VA with his wife Emily, daughter Ingrid and son William.